The average number of passengers left on the waiting list by 2381/2382, 2303/2304 Poorva Express and 2311/2312 Kalka Mail in different classes varies as under

Down Direction towards Howrah

I AC	1
II AC	4 to 8
Sleeper Class	23 to 88

Up Direction towards Delhi

I AC	5 to 10
II AC	20 to 40
Sleeper Class	300 to 400

(d) No, Sir. 2421/2422 weekly Rajdhani was introduced between Delhi and Bhubaneshwar via Howrah w.e.f. 1.4.94.

(e) Does not arise

(f) & (g) No, Sir. However, 3039/3040 Howrah-Delhi Janta Express has been restored w.e.f. 1.10.96 providing additional accommodation between Howrah and Delhi.

Frequency of EMU Trains

1906. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any plans to augment the frequency of EMU Trains being operated as the Ring Railways Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways are operating any feeder bus service to provide a link between Ring Railway stops and the nearest DTC stops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Telecommunication System in Nizamabad

1907. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether telecommunication system is not satisfactory in Nizamabad town of Andhra Pradesh since most of the telephones provided there do not function properly; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve telephone services and to attend to the telephone complaints promptly?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The telecommunication services are generally satisfactory.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above. However, following steps are being taken by the Government for further improvement of services:

i. Replacement of old and worn out equipment.
ii. Computerisation of fault repair service.
iii. Replacement of fault prone cables by jelly filled cables.
iv. Laying of cables in ducts.
v Induction of modern testing aids.
vi. Providing reliable transmission media.

[Translation]

Orders by BSP to HEC, Ranchi

1908. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the number of work orders given to HEC, Ranchi during each of the last three years by Bokaro Steel Plant;

(b) whether the work orders given were sufficient in number;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of the companies to whom the work orders were given during the above period which could have been handled by HEC;

(e) the amount spent on the work orders given to these companies; and

(f) the amount spent on each work orders separately given tp HEC during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (f). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Policy for Changing Names of Railway Station

1909. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs is alone competent to approve change in the names of Railway Stations; and